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TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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TAGS: PGOV, PINS, PINT, NI

SUBJ: COUP

1. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN TRANSMIT-FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ROME.

2. PROVIDED EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTIONS PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING:

QTE: AT DAWN THIS MORNING, COLONEL GARBA (FROM THE NORTH) ANNOUNCED BY RADIO THAT HE HAD ASSUMED POWER IN NIGERIA IN UNITY WITH OTHER MILITARY COMMANDERS. IN CONSEQUENCE, GENERAL GOWON (NOW IN KAMPALA) IS NO LONGER HEAD OF STATE AND SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES. COLONEL GARBA WILL MAKE FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AWAITING THE ABOVE COMMUNICATION, A CURFEW HAS BEEN INTRODUCED, ANY KIND OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN SUSPENDED AND THE POPULATION IS ASKED TO RESPECT THE MILITARY ORDERS ON PAIN OF BEING SUMMARILY DEALT WITH.

BEING CUT OFF FROM ANY KIND OF COMMUNICATION, I AM TRYING TO OBTAIN THE HELP OF ANY FRIENDLY EMBASSY WITH A RADIO AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO TRANSMIT THIS TELEGRAM, ADDING THAT I HAVE PUT INTO EFFECT, FOR THE ITALIAN COMMUNITY, EMERGENCY MEASURES AGREED WITH THE PRINCIPAL ITALIAN FIRMS LAST JANUARY/FEBRUARY WHEN THE NIGERIAN SITUATION SEEMED TO BE VERY UNSTABLE FROM ONE MOMENT TO THE NEXT. (TELESPRESSO 505 OF 21 FEBRUARY, 361 OF 7TH FEBRUARY AND PRECEDING). THERE HAS BEEN NO NOTIFICATION UP TO THIS TIME OF DISORDERS CONSEQUENT TO THE COUP D'ETAT WHICH COLONEL GARBA DECLARED "BLOODLESS". GASBARRI

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29TH JULY 1975. END QTE.

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